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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ETRD, GATT, AS

SUBJ: MTN: AUSTRALIAN TARIFFS

REF: MTN GENEVA 4269

1. DEPT OVERSEAS TRADE (DOT) OFFICER (WICKS),
SUBSTANTIALLY CONFIRMING INFO REPORTED REFTTEL, STATED
THAT QTE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO MTN END QTE HAD
BEEN REFERRED TO INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (IAC)
FOR STUDY ON MAY 30. ANNOUNCEMENT DELIBERATELY HANDLED
LOW KEY AND CAREFULLY WORDED TO MINIMIZE RISK OF INDUSTRY
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REACTION. TEXTS OF REFERENCE TO IAC AND SIMULTANEOUS

PRESS RELEASE TRANSMITTED SEPTEL.

2. SPECIFICALLY, IAC IS ASKED TO DETERMINE:

A. IF BRITISH PREFERENTIAL MARGIN CAN BE REDUCED OR ELIMINATED BY ESTABLISHMENT OF REDUCED GENERAL TARIFF RATE ON GOODS AFFECTED WITHOUT ADVERSE EMPLOYMENT OR STRUCTURAL EFFECT;

B. WHAT SCOPE EXISTS FOR ELIMINATION OF GENERAL TARIFF RATES NOT EXCEEDING 10 PCT. AD VAL.;

C. WHAT SCOPE EXISTS FOR FURTHER GENERAL TARIFF REDUCTIONS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT QTE FOR OF GENERAL APPROACH TO TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS END QTE BY OTHER MTN PARTICIPANTS; AND

D. WHAT TIME SPAN SHOULD REDUCTIONS BE PHASED OVER.

3. IAC REPORT, WHICH IS DUE QTE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ENT QTE, WILL NOT BE RELEASED DURING THE MTN NEGOTIATIONS FOR OBVIOUS REASONS.

4. COMMENT: WICKS WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO EMPHASIZE GOA EFFORTS TO HANDLE REFERENCE IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PRECLUDE QTE OVER-REACTION END QTE BY DOMESTIC INDUSTRY TO POSSIBLE LOSS OF PROTECTION. THIS TACTIC HAD APPARENTLY BEEN SUCCESSFUL AS SCANT WEEKEND PRESS REPORTING HAD SO FAR TRIGGERED ONLY ONE INQUIRY FROM SMALL COUNTRY NEWSPAPER.

5. THIS STEP IS PRIMARILY A ROUTINE PART OF THE GOA'S PREPARATION FOR THE MTN. IT SHOULD BE REGARDED AS AN EFFORT IN NORMAL COURSE TO EXPLORE THE IMPACT AND APPARENT FEASIBILITY OF VARIOUS MEASURES WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MTN, RATHER THAN AS AN INDICATION OF A NEW MAJOR GOA INITIATIVE IN THE DIRECTION OF TRADE LIBERLIZATION.

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